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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT: REVISED SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 4490

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REVISED SWEDISH DRAFT RES ON NAPALM
AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING THAT IN RES. 2932 A (XXVII) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WELCOMED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON NAPALM
AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS (A/8803 REV. 1) AND EXPRESSED
ITS CONVICTION THAT THE WIDESPREAD USE OF MANY WEAPONS AND
THE EMERGENCE OF NEW MEANS OF WARFARE THAT CAUSE UNNECESSARY
SUFFERING OR ARE INDISCRIMINATE CALL URGENTLY FOR RENEWED
EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK, THROUGH LEGAL MEANS, THE
PROHIBITION OF USE OF SUCH WEAPONS AND OF INDISCRIMINATE
AND CRUEL METHODS OF WARFARE AND, IF POSSIBLE, THROUGH
MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT, THE ELIMINATION OF SPECIFIC,
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ESPECIALLY CRUEL OR INDISCRIMINATE WEAPONS;

RECALLING THAT IN RES. 3076 (XXVIII) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TOOK NOTE OF GOVERNMENT COMMENTS TO THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS (A/9207)
AND OF THE WIDESPREAD WISH THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION
SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE
PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF THESE WEAPONS;

RECALLING FURTHER THAT BY THE SAME RESOLUTION THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY POINTED TO THE EXTENSIVE FACTUAL REPORT PREPARED
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC ENTITLED WEAPONS THAT MAY CAUSE
UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS,
COVERING INTER ALIA, HIGH-VELOCITY PROJECTILES, BLAST
AND FRAGMENTATION WEAPONS, TIME-DELAY WEAPONS AND
INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AND ENDORSED THE CONCLUSION OF THE REPORT
THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AND ACTION REGARDING WEAPONS
OF THESE KINDS WAS CALLED FOR.

RECALLING LASTLY THAT BY RES. 3076 (XXVIII) THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED THAT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF
THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS SHOULD BE EXAMINED WITHOUT DELAY
AND THAT POSITIVE RESULTS IN THIS REGARD WERE LIKELY TO
FACILITATE SUBSTANTIVE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW
TO THE ELIMINATION OF PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND PROLIFERATION
OF THE WEAPONS IN QUESTION, WHICH SHOULD BE THE ULTIMATE
OBJECTIVE, AND INVITED THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE
REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION
OF THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS, AS WELL
AS OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED
TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE
EFFECTS AND TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON RULES PROHIBITING OR
RESTRICTING THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS.

TAKING NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FIRST
SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE (DOC. A/9669) AND THE
REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC
OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS TO STUDY IN DEPTH THE QUESTION OF THE
PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE
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EFFECTS;

MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT MUCH SUFFERING TO CIVILIAN POPULATION
AND COMBATANTS MAY BE AVOIDED, IF GENERAL AGREEMENT CAN BE
ATTAINED ON THE PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF SPECIFIC
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY
SUFFERING OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS AND, ACCORDINGLY,

WELCOMING THE ACTIVE WORK OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND
THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON THE QUESTION OF
PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS, AND

NOTING THAT THIS WORK, WHICH HAS COMPRISED AN EXAMINATION
OF IMPORTANT CATEGORIES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, HAS RESULTED
NOT ONLY IN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
EARLIER STUDIES OF THIS SUBJECT BUT ALSO IN THE EMERGENCE
OF NEW VALUABLE DATA AND SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE
RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS;

AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY SUCH SUGGES-
TIONS AND PROPOSALS AND THE RECOGNIZED NEED TO EXAMINE
THOROUGHLY ALL DATA NOW AVAILABLE AND TO UNDERTAKE SOME
FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH MAY PERMIT GOVERNMENTS TO
REACH WELL-FOUNDED CONCLUSIONS;

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR BROAD AGREEMENT UPON ANY PROHIBITIONS
OR RESTRICTIONS WHICH MAY BE CONTEMPLATED AND OF NEED FOR
A FURTHER EXPERT DISCUSSION TO THIS END;

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TAKING NOTE, WITH APPRECIATION, OF THE EXPRESSED READINESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS TO CONVOKE A SECOND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS, WHICH WOULD RECEIVE AND CONSIDER NEW INFORMATION AND FOCUS ON SUCH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS HAVE BEEN - OR MAY BECOME - THE SUBJECT OF PROPOSED BANS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE AND STUDY THE POSSIBILITY, CONTENTS AND FORM OF SUCH PROPOSED BANS OR RESTRICTIONS;

1. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS TO EXAMINE THE CONSIDERABLE BODY OF FACTS WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE MATTER AND TO COMPILE WITHOUT DELAY SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY DATA AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THEM TO FOCUS UPON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS;

2. APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT THE PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR MAY BE ADVANCED WITH A VIEW TO ATTAINING GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS;

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3. INVITES THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, TO CONTINUE - WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOLS SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE ICRC - ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS AND ITS SEARCH FOR AGREEMENT ON RULES PROHIBITING OR RESTRICTING THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS AND, IN THIS CONTEXT, ALSO TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AND THE PROGRAM OF WORK WHICH A SECOND CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS MIGHT FOLLOW;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER, TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION ON ASPECTS OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO THE PRESENT RESOLUTION. END TEXT

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